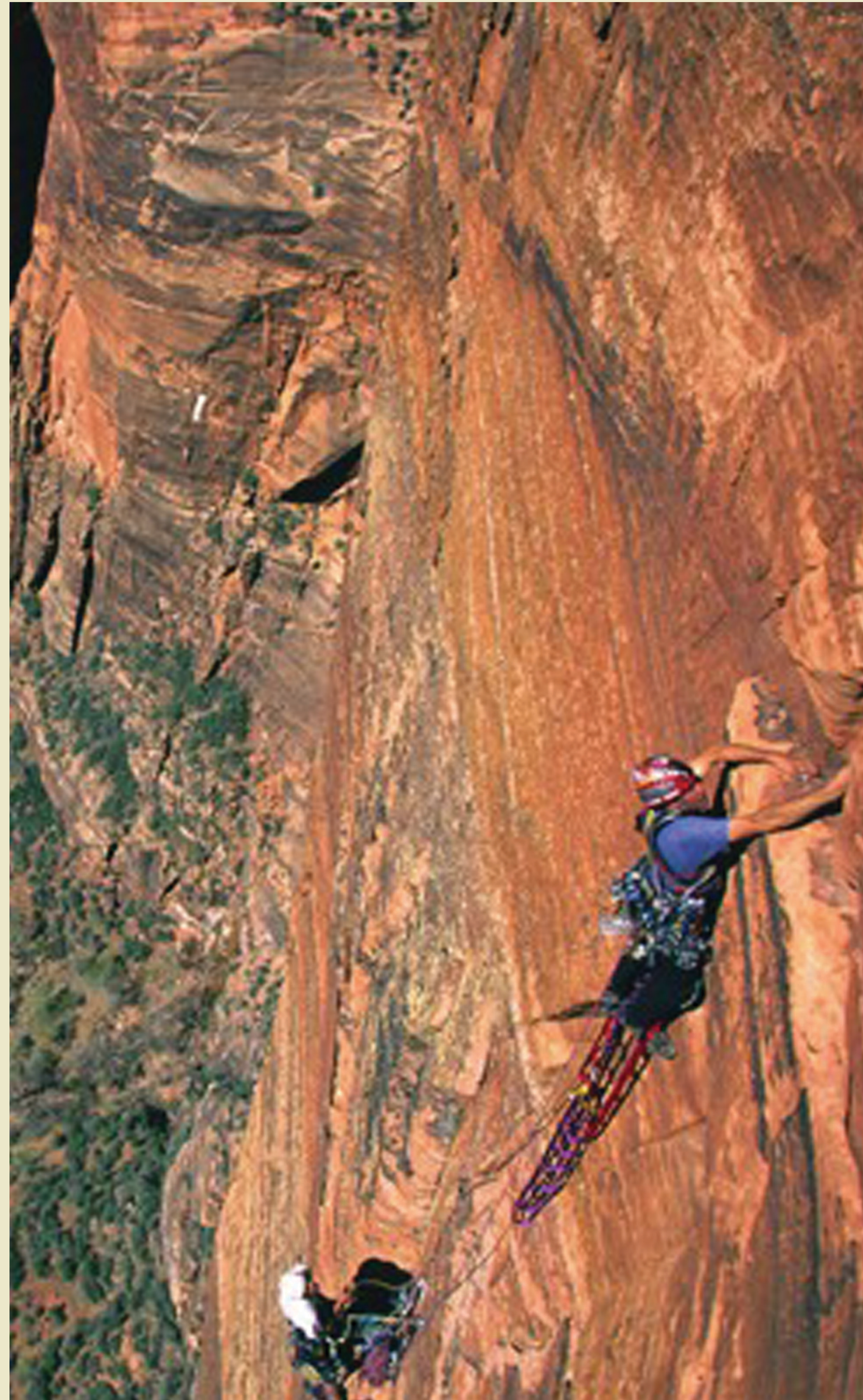




# Rock Climbing



*Overnight use of Zion's rock climbing routes has decreased over the past five years. Rock climbing day-use is currently not regulated or monitored. As use changes new management alternatives may be needed.*

## Current Management Policies

- Overnight use is monitored through backcountry permits.
- Day-use is not monitored.
- The number of new climbing routes is not monitored or limited.
- Use of power drills is not permitted—excess bolting is discouraged.
- Commercial guiding is not permitted.
- Specific climbs are closed during peregrine falcon nesting season (March 1 through July).

## Issues to Consider

- Should new route placement be managed and monitored?
- Should day-use be managed or monitored? How should this occur?
- Should the placement of bolts be managed?
- Is commercial guiding within the Primitive Zone appropriate? Many of the popular routes in Zion Canyon, including Moonlight Buttress, Prodigal Son, and Touchstone Wall, are within this zone.
- How can soil and vegetation loss be managed on access routes?